



# Mac Mini Late 2014 PCIe SSD Cable Replacement

Replace the PCIe SSD cable in a Late 2014 Mac Mini.

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## INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the PCIe SSD cable in the SSD-only or Fusion drive models of the Mac Mini Late 2014.

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### TOOLS:

- [iFixit Opening Tools](#) (1)
  - [Spudger](#) (1)
  - [TR6 Torx Security Screwdriver](#) (1)
  - [T5 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Bottom Cover



- The bottom cover is clipped onto three screw posts.
- Pry near, but not right on the screw posts.

## Step 2



- Use the plastic opening tool to pry the bottom cover up off of the Mac Mini.

## Step 3



- Lift and remove the bottom cover.

## Step 4 — Antenna Plate




- Remove the following TR6 screws from the antenna plate:
  - Three 4.1 mm screws
  - Three 1.9 mm screws



## Step 5




 Do not completely remove the antenna plate; it is still connected to the Mac Mini by an antenna cable.

- With the I/O ports facing you, flip the antenna plate to the right to allow access to the antenna cable connector.

## Step 6



- Remove the single 3.4 mm T6 screw and washer from the antenna cable.
-  Be careful not to lose the washer when removing the screw.

## Step 7



- Use the point of a spudger to lift the antenna connector straight up off its socket on the airport card.

## Step 8



- Carefully pull the antenna cable out from the gap between the power supply and case.



## Step 9



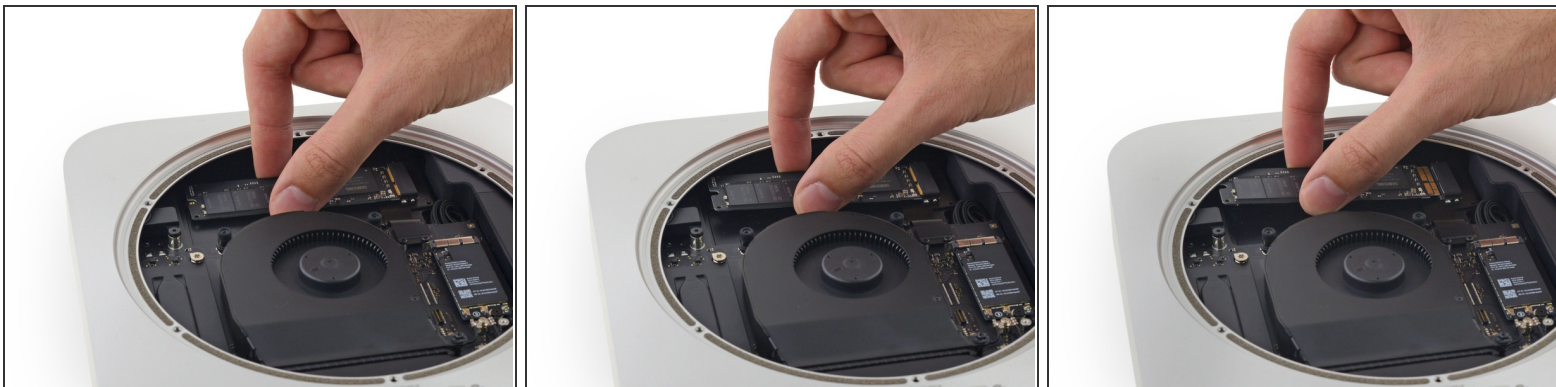
- Remove the antenna plate from the Mac Mini.

## Step 10 — SSD



- Remove the 5 mm T5 screw securing the SSD.

## Step 11



- Lift the free end of the SSD up slightly and pull it out of its socket.

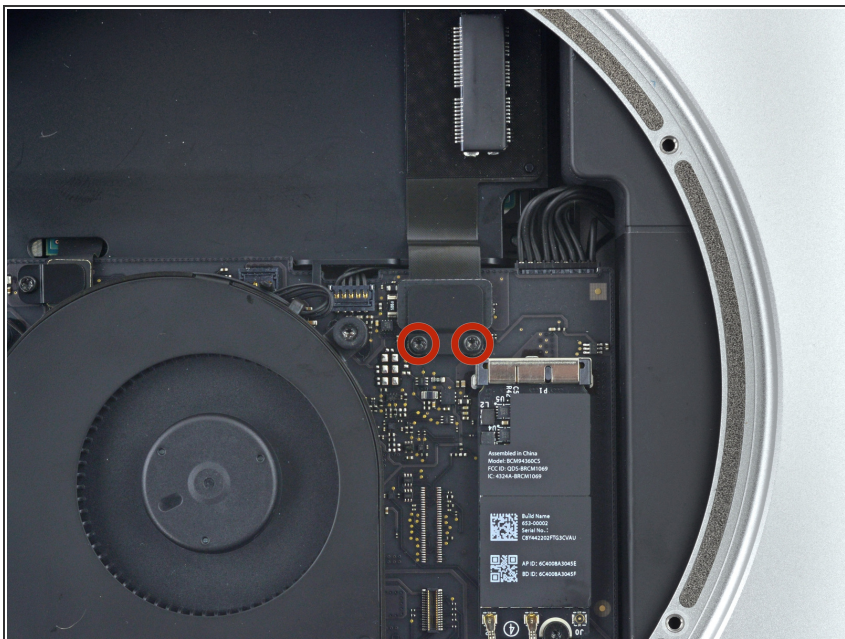
## Step 12



- Carefully lift the SSD out of the case without scratching or touching the gold contacts.



## Step 13 — PCIe SSD Cable



- Remove the two 2.6 mm T6 screws securing the PCIe SSD cable bracket.

## Step 14



- Remove the PCIe SSD cable bracket.

## Step 15



- Use the flat end of a spudger to lift the PCIe SSD connector straight up off of its connector on the logic board.

⚠ Be careful not to pry up on the socket itself.

## Step 16



- Slip the flat end of a spudger under the SSD cable to lift it off the adhesive holding it to the Mac Mini.



## Step 17



- Remove the PCIe SSD cable from the Mac Mini.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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